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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1724

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In re Application of

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Title: DEVICE FOR REGENERATING AN ION EXCHANGE CARTRIDGE

Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 4, 2002,  
Applicant would like to make the following remarks under the  
provisions of 37 C.F.R.1.116:

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as  
anticipated by Scholer is considered to lack merit.

Scholer is not considered to teach or even suggest the device  
defined by even claim 9, the most generic claim.

Unlike in the device defined by Claim 9, in the device of  
Scholer the restriction (spring-loaded valve 49) is not situated in  
the flow path of the regenerating solution situated between the  
outlet (46) of the reservoir (regenerant container 22) and the  
outlet (28) of the chamber (16) holding the exchange material